## ⟨∅⟩ keep.meSAFE







## **Program Background**



Understanding unique needs and experiences of international students



Culture and language matching



Connecting with students through technology







App Store

## The My SSP App





Chat support and content available in Simplified Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Spanish, English & French



Telephone or chat with a counsellor directly through the app 24/7/365



Receive push notifications about the app, content, and support available









#### 24/7/365 Student Support by Native Speaking Counsellors

#### **Immediate Support**





Chat



App

Telephone

Available in 35 languages by native speakers

Available in Simplified Chinese, Korean, Arabic, Spanish, English, French

#### **Ongoing Support**





Telephone

Video

Available in over 60 languages by native speakers







## **Highly Qualified Support**



Multicultural, multilingual expertise and personal international experience



Participation in ongoing professional development, including digital methods of counselling and emerging international student issues



Expertise and experience with international students



Minimum of Master's Degree in counselling related field, licensed and with a minimum of five years experience







## **Outcomes Based Success Measures**



User Profile (demographics)



Access patterns (time of day, re-access)



Pre and post measures



Access modality (tele, online, app)



Presenting issues







## **Top Reasons Students Are Reaching Out For Support**







Stress



Anxiety



Cultural/Adaptation Issues

"We want this to be shared with every institution across North America."

- International Program Director





## Canada Snapshot

**September 2018 - May 2019** 



Top 3 Presenting Issues 2018/19:

- Stress (23%)
- Anxiety (20%)
- Depression (11%)



Suicidal Risk: 2.16%



Chat Engagement: 4pm to Midnight – 47% Midnight to 8am – 28% 8am to 4pm – 25%



Chat by Day of the Week:
Highest Usage:
Wednesday (17%)
Lowest Usage:
Saturday (10%)





#### 2018/19 Pre-Post Data

Survey questions are asked of students before and after SSP intervention.



% of students expressing concerns regarding ability to stay in school

**Pre: 17%** 

**Post: 8%** 



% of students expressing concern regarding ability to be Productive (classes, projects, exams)

**Pre: 27%** 

**Post: 12%** 



% of students indicating 'very or extremely' concerned about the issue

**Pre: 52%** 

**Post: 23%** 







## 2018 Full Campus Data



Of calls and chats come from students who say they have never visited their campus counselling centers



Of these students say they have never sought support anywhere else



Of initial contact is via Chat







### JED Foundation: Morneau Shepell Research Study

A two year study examining the impact culture and language support via technology has on student help seeking, emotional health, stress and intent to persist.







#### Early results from our research study into the ISSP

31% Engagement **52%**Non-English Access

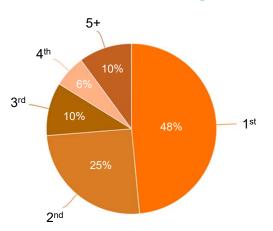
45% Chinese students

#### **Support Method**





#### **Year of Study**



#### **Time of Call**





44% of students have never utilized on-campus support & 70% have not reached out to CAPS.







## **Consultative Support**

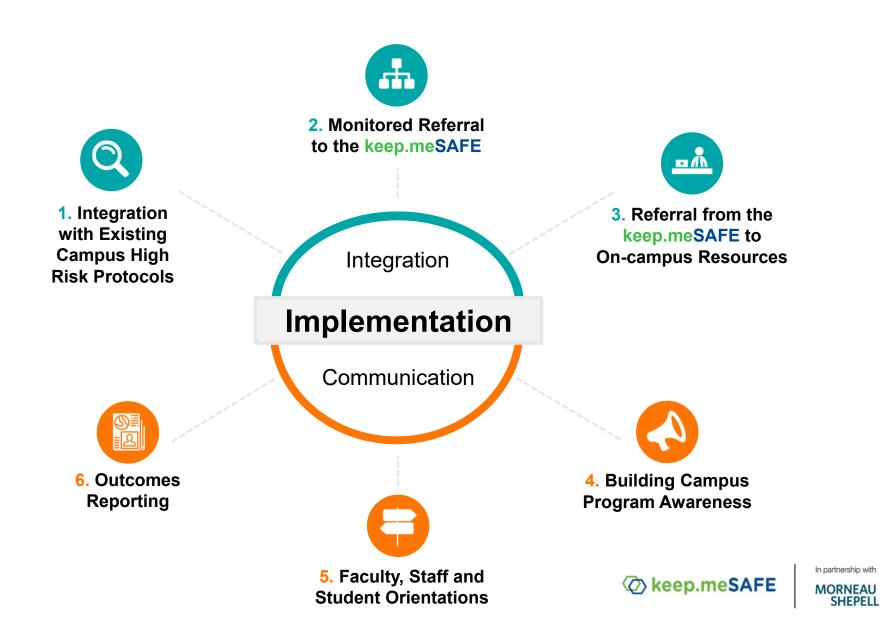
**keep.meSAFE** also provides direct support to staff and faculty who work with students. This is an opportunity for a staff/faculty member, resident advisor or other leader, to consult with a clinician on a student-related issue.

Examples of why staff and faculty may wish to seek consultative support

- Supporting distressed or distressing students
- Supporting withdrawn or isolated students
- Responding an inquiry about an undesirable grade
- Navigating communication difficulties, language barriers or cultural norms









## **Campus Integration**

The **keep.meSAFE** Program is a highly customizable program that integrates with an institution's stakeholder groups.

Example Points of Integration:

- International Office
- Student Success
- Student Wellness Hub
- Campus Security
- Student Society, Faculty
- Internal Communications and Marketing





## **Building Campus Awareness: Communication**

- Dedicated Account Manager
- In-Depth Reporting
- Orientation
- Campus Ambassadors
- Digital Engagement
- School Events
- Educational Opportunities





# Case Study Best Practice Implementation Campus Awareness:

- Dedicated on campus keep.meSAFE Coordinator
- Main point of contact and "go-to" point person
- Engagement from diverse group of on campus stakeholders



